

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 18—PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE SITUATED IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER FOR THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, LATE A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. REID of Nevada submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 18

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1156. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1157. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1158. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1159. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1160. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1161. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1162. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1163. Mr. HOEVEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1156. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, insert the following:

SEC. 12213. INTEREST RATES.

(a) INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS.—Section 455(b)(7) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(7)) is amended by adding at the end of the following:

“(E) INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS FOR NEW LOANS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection or subparagraph (A) or (B), for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and Federal Direct PLUS Loans, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to—

“(I) the bond equivalent rate of 10-year Treasury bills auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1; plus

“(II) 3.0 percent.

“(ii) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall determine the applicable rate of interest under this subparagraph after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and shall publish such rate in the Federal Register as soon as practicable after the date of determination.

“(iii) RATE.—The applicable rate of interest determined under clause (i) for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct PLUS Loan shall be fixed for the period of the Loan.”.

(b) SAVINGS FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall determine the savings to the Federal Government resulting from the amendment made by subsection (a).

(c) AMOUNT TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any savings determined under subsection (b) shall be transferred to the Treasury for deficit reduction.

SA 1157. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 998, strike line 25 and all that follows through page 999, line 14, and insert the following:

(i) in paragraph (4), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) GRANTS.—The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(i) \$500,000; and

“(ii) 25 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using funds from the grant.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) TIERED APPLICATION PROCESS.—

SA 1158. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 628, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

“SEC. 3502. RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR RURAL WATER PROJECTS.

“The Secretary shall waive land use fees for rights-of-way issued or reauthorized for any rural water project on National Forest System land that is federally financed (including a project that receives Federal funds under section 3501 or from a State drinking water treatment revolving loan fund established under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12)).

SA 1159. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12 _____ . STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall comply with all applicable laws (including section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”) and section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Freedom of Information Act”)) that pertain to the disclosure of any personally identifiable information, including, as applicable, the personally identifiable information of any owner, operator, or employee of a livestock or farming operation.

SA 1160. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12 _____ . FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

Section 226B of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The duties of the Office shall be to” and inserting “(1) FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—The Office shall”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (G), respectively; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall continue, through the agencies and offices of the Department, competitive fellowship and scholars programs for the purpose of promoting the study of food and agricultural sciences (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) at—

“(i) 1890 Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601));

“(ii) 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)); and

“(iii) Hispanic-serving institutions (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

“(B) APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary may make a noncompetitive appointment of a fellowship or scholars program participant leading to term, career, or career-conditional employment within the Department upon a participant obtaining an academic degree, subject to the condition that the applicant is adequately equipped to perform the duties of the position, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service.”.

SA 1161. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 250, strike line 12 and insert the following:

“rolled in this program.

“(e) CONSULTATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—After an easement has been acquired under the program, the Secretary shall consult with the landowner to